

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: WTDR/FTI SOMOZA ABREGO & CIA. LTDA.

REF: USDOC 02193

1. NICARAGUA  
OFFICE USE: 2. 219 3. 0104200 4. 01  
5. SOMOZA ABREGO & CIA. LTDA.  
6. APARTADO POSTAL 2827  
7. MANAGUA  
8. CONTACT: ING. JOSE SOMOZA ABREGO  
9. TITLE: GENERAL MANAGER  
10. PHONE: 5310 11. TELEX: JALNICA 1249  
12. CABLE: SOMESCO  
13. ESTABLISHED: 1965 14. EMPLOYEES: 35  
15. SIZE: MEDIUM 16. REPUTATION: Y-GOOD  
17. REPORT DATE: 04/78  
OFFICE US: 18. K 19. NA 20. X 21. NA 22. ASD  
23A. 20650/125 RETAILER, GENT, IMPORTER OF CONFECTIONERY.  
23B. 2110/125 RETAILER, AGENT, IMPORTER OF CIGARETTES.  
23C. 20850/1235 RETAILER, AGENT, DISTRIBUTOR, IMPORTER OF BOTTLED  
LIQUOR.  
23D. 28441/1235 RETAILER, AGENT, IMPORTER OF COSMETICS.  
23F. 38610/125 RETAILER, AGENT, IMPORTER OF PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT  
AND SUPPLIES.  
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23G. 35742/125 RETACLER, AGENT, IMPORTER OF ELECTRONIC CALCULATING  
MACHINES.  
23H. 38730/125 RETAILER, AGENT, IMPORTER OF WATCHES.  
23I. 31610/125 RETAILER, AGENT, IMPORTER OF LUGGAGE.  
23J. 38615/135 RETAILER, DISTRIBUTOR, IMPORTER OF PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM.  
24. FOREIGN SALES: LOCAL ONLY.  
25. FINANCIAL REFERENCES: BANCO NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, APARTADO

POSTAL 328; BANCO NICARAGUENSE, APARTADO POSTAL 549; AND BANCO DE AMERICA, APARTADO POSTAL 285, ALL IN MANAGUA.

26. TRADE REFERENCES: WAYNE RYNAL CORPORATION, 1201 EAST LEXINGTON STREET, POMONA, CALIFORNIA; THE PARKER PEN CO., JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN; CHARLES OF THE RITZ, INC., 730 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY, A.T. CROSS, 1 ALBION ROAD, LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND; SAMSONITE CORPORATION, INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, DENVER, COLORADO; ALSO, FIRMS IN ITEM 27 BELOW.

27. FOREIGN FIRMS REPRESENTED: L.C.R. INTERNATIONAL, PO BOX 638, RED BANK, NJ, DISTRIBUTION OF PERFUMES, ACQUIRED 1970; SEAGRAM OVERSEAS SLAES, 375 PARK AVE., NEW YORK, NY, DISTRIBUTION OF WHISKEY, ACQUIRED 1973; FUJI FILMS, TOKYO, JAPAN, DISTRIBUTION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM AND SUPPLIES, ACQUIRED 1975; OTHERS.

28. POST EVALUATION: SOMOZA ABREGO & CIA. LTD., ALSO KNOWN AS SACIA LTDA., IS THE PRINCIPAL DUTY-FREE STORE CONCESSIONAIRE IN NICARAGUA, WITH OUTLETS IN THE CITY OF MANAGUA, IN THE CITY'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LAS MERCEDES, AND AT TWO BORDER POINTS. THE FIRM IMPORTS LIQUORS, CAMERAS, PERFUMES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, GIFTWARE AND A VARIETY OF OTHER ARTICLES EXCLUSIVELY FOR SALE AT ITS DUTY-FREE STORES. HOWEVER, IT ALSO IMPORTS SOME OF THE ABOVE AND OTHER PRODUCTS FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGH REGULAR COMMERCIAL CHANNELS. THE PRINCIPAL PARTNER OF THE FIRM, INC. JOSE SOMOZA ABREGO, ALSO ACTS AS AGENT FOR A NUMBER OF FOREIGN CONCERNS INCLUDING JAPAN AIR LINES (JAL), THE HELICOPTER DIVISION OF THE FRENCH COMPANY AEROSPATIALE, AND VARIOUS SUPPLIERS OF MOTORIZED SWEEPER BROOMS, BRUSHES AND OFFICE SUPPLIES. NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE FIRM'S CURRENT CAPITAL OR

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VOLUME OF BUSINESS. IN 1976, HOWEVER, SACIA LTDA. PER SE REPORTED MONTHLY SALES OF APPROXIMATELY US\$200,00 AND A NET WORTH OF US\$137,000. ING SOMOZA IS AN ENTERPRISING AND WELL-CONNECTED INDIVIDUAL. HE IS THE SON OF GEN. JOSE SOMOZA, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF NICARAGUA'S NATIONAL GUARD AND NEPHEW OF GEN. ANASTASIO SOMOZA DEBAYLE, PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA AND CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES. ING. SOMOZA IS ALSO A MEMBER OF NICARAGUA'S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. SUBJECT FIRM ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTATION LOCALLY AND IS RECOMMENDED AS TRADE CONTACT FOR INTERESTED U.S. CONCERNS.

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